

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully considered the December 8, 2004 Quayle Office Action, and the amendments above together with the comments that follow are presented in a bona fide effort to address all issues raised in that Action and thereby place this case in condition for allowance. Claim 1-16 are pending in this application and have been allowed. In response to the Quayle Office Action dated December 8, 2004, the specification and Fig. 1C have been amended to address the Examiner's objection to Figure 1C. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter. Adequate descriptive support for the present Amendment should be apparent throughout the originally filed disclosure as, for example, the depicted embodiments and related discussion thereof in the written description of the specification. Applicants submit that the present Amendment does not generate any new matter issue. Entry of the present Amendment is respectfully solicited. It is believed that this response places this case in condition for allowance. Hence, prompt favorable reconsideration of this case is solicited.

The Examiner objected to drawing figure 1C because reference numerals 501 and 502 were duplicated in separate figures. Applicants have amended FIG. 1C and the corresponding description in the specification to address the Examiner's objection. A single replacement page accompanies this Amendment. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the drawing objection.

It is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an

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Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached single (1) drawing sheet includes changes to Figure 1C. This sheet replaces the original sheet containing Figures 1B, 1C and 2.

Reference numerals 501 and 502 in Fig. 1C have been replaced with 501A and 502A, respectively.